



# THE BAHAMAS



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### **Designated Authorities**

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**Meteorology**

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**Immigration**

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**Health**

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## **Aeronautical Information Service (AIS)**

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### **International NOTAM Offices**

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## **Embassy to the United States from The Bahamas**

The Commonwealth of the Bahamas  
2220 Massachusetts Ave N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20008

Tel: 202 319 2660  
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## **United States Embassy to The Bahamas**

<http://nassau.usembassy.gov/>

## **Flight Information**

### **Airports of Entry**

#### Abaco

MYAM	Marsh Harbour
MYAT	Treasure Cay
MYAW	Walker's Cay
MYAX	Spanish Cay (Private owned)

#### Andros

MYAK	Congo Town
MYAF	Fresh Creek
MYAN	San Andros

#### Berry Islands

MYBC	Chub Cay (Private owned)
MYBG	Great Harbour Cay

#### Bimini

MYCC	Cat Cay (Private owned)
MYBS	South Bimini

#### Cat Island

MYCB	New Bight
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#### Eleuthera

MYEM	Governor's Harbour
MYEH	North Eleuthera
MYER	Rock Sound

#### Exuma

MYEF	Exuma International
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#### Grand Bahama

MYGF	Grand Bahama International/Freeport
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#### Inagua

MYIG	Matthew Town
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#### Long Island

MYLS	Stella Maris
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#### New Providence

MYNN	Lynden Pindling International/Nassau
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#### San Salvador

MYSM	San Salvador
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### **Entry/Exit Requirements**

Entry and exit requirements are for aircraft departing the United States non-stop to country of destination. These requirements do not include any technical stops. Please

refer to **Technical Stop** section in **Additional Flight Information** for the country at which the technical stop will be made.

Entry and Exit documentation forms vary from country to country. In general, however, ICAO member countries will accept the following standard ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit documents:

- General Declaration
- Passenger Manifest
- Cargo Manifest
- Embarkation/Disembarkation Card
- Certificate of Residual Disinsection

Examples of these documents can be found at *IFIM Home>General Information>International Flying Overview> ICAO Annex 9 Entry/Exit Documents*. The acceptance of these ICAO documents must be confirmed by the appropriate AIS.

ICAO Documents can be purchased from ICAO at: <http://store1.icao.int/search.ch2>

### **Entry Requirements (Departing the U.S.)**

- File an [eAPIS](#) manifest outbound
- File and activate international flight plan
- Land first at a designated airport of entry (AOE) - customs & immigration

The following entry documents are required:

#### *Passengers –*

- *Passports* - U S Citizens require valid passports (for re-entry to the U.S.)
- *Visas* - [Visa](#) for some countries (not required for USA, Canada & Mexico)
- *Immigration Card* - One (1) Card per person (Will be provided upon arrival).

#### *Pilots –*

- *Passport*
- *Immigration Card* - One (1) Card per person (Will be provided upon arrival).
- *Bahamas Inward Declaration and Cruising Permit* ([C7A](#)) (3) copies (for multiple island destinations)

#### *Aircraft –*

An aircraft not registered in The Bahamas shall not fly in or over Bahamian territory unless it carries all documents that it is required to carry under the law of the country in which it is registered.

### **Exit Requirements (Departing The Bahamas)**

- File [eAPIS](#) manifest if inbound to the U.S.
- File an international flight plan (DVFR or IFR) (1-800-WX-BRIEF) (Form CADD 63A1)
- Call U.S. Customs at filed U.S. airport of entry
- Depart from a Bahamian designated airport of entry (AOE)
- One copy of The Bahamas Customs/Aircraft General Declaration (Outward/Inward) form [C7](#)
- One copy of The Bahamas Immigration Form per person

- Airborne, call Miami Radio 126.7 for a discrete transponder code before ADIZ

## **Additional Information**

### **Aircraft Instruments and Equipment**

U.S. airworthiness and certification requirements may not meet other country requirements. It is the responsibility of the pilot to determine if the aircraft meets those requirements.

All aircraft operating in The Bahamas must adhere to the Provisions of ICAO Annex 6 Part 1, Chapters 6 and 7. (Operation of Aircraft), part 1 (International Commercial Air Transport), chapter 6 (Airplane Instruments, Equipment and Flight Documents), and Chapter 7 (Airplane Communications and Navigation Equipment).

ICAO Documents can be purchased from ICAO at: <http://store1.icao.int/search.ch2>

The items listed below are for pilots' reference to determine if the aircraft meets *minimum* instrument and equipment requirements, of the destination country. Additional equipment may be required to comply with the airspace navigation requirements.

- Two independent radio communications systems (IFR)
- ELT (406 MHz is currently waived by The Bahamas)
- Mode C transponder
- Individual floatation device
- Life raft(s) – (with survivor locator light/flares) may be required depending upon type of aircraft and distance from land

### **Overflight/Technical Stop**

Prior permission, other than an accepted flight plan, is *not* required for non-scheduled airline operations for overflight, or technical stops..

Overflight requires all of the documents required by the country of registration.

### **Non-Scheduled Commercial Flights**

The following requirements must be met by international non-scheduled commercial flights operated by foreign airlines in The Bahamas.

Prior permission and an accepted flight plan are required for non-scheduled airline operations embarking/disembarking passengers and/or lading/unlading cargo within the territory of The Bahamas. Permission must be obtained from the Director of Civil Aviation not less than 48 hours prior to intended operation.

Application for prior permission must include the following information:

- Operator/business name, address, and telephone number
- Aircraft type and registration marks
- Dates, times, and locations of intended operations
- Location(s) of passenger embarkation/ disembarkation and/or cargo lading/unlading as applicable
- Purpose of flight, number of passengers, and/or description of cargo as applicable

- Copy of Airworthiness certificate
- Copy of Air carrier certificate
- Copy of Insurance certificate

Separate documents shall be submitted at each aerodrome if operations are conducted at more than one aerodrome.

The following documents must be submitted in triplicate by aircraft operators for clearance into and out of The Bahamas (No visas are required in connection with these documents):

- The Bahamas Customs/Aircraft General Declaration (Outward/Inward) form [C7](#)
- Aircraft Cargo Manifest form [C8](#)

The following documents may be required in triplicate by aircraft operators for clearance into and out of The Bahamas:

- Declaration of Consumable Stores On Board Aircraft form [C5a](#)
- Declaration of Consumable Stores on Board Vessel form [C5](#)
- Aircraft Passenger Manifest form [C9](#)

The Customs Department indicates clearance approval by returning an endorsed copy of the Aircraft General Declaration to the aircraft operator

### **Private Flights**

An accepted flight plan is required for private international operations.

Prior permission is required for private international operations conducted to or from a Bahamian aerodrome during other than published hours of operation. Permission must be obtained from the Director of Civil Aviation not less than 48 hours prior to intended operation.

See Private Pilot Bill of Rights website for more information:

<http://www.bahamas.com/bahamas/private-flying>

### **Float Planes**

All seaplanes shall, in addition to floatation landing equipment, have attached wheels appropriate for operations to/from conventional land-based airports.

### **Light Sport Aircraft**

The Bahamas AIP does not address LSA category aircraft. The following AOPA link does provide some information:

[http://www.aopa.org/flightplanning/articles/2010/101228light\\_sport\\_aircraft\\_in\\_the\\_bahamas.html](http://www.aopa.org/flightplanning/articles/2010/101228light_sport_aircraft_in_the_bahamas.html)

### **Fees**

There are varying fees for landing, parking, hangarage, long term storage, passenger services (departure tax), terminal use and security. The fees also vary between the privately owned, (Lynden Pindling International, Nassau), the government owned (Grand Bahama International, Freeport) and the remaining islands, referred to as Family Islands (consisting of private and government owned).



Note: Other fees may apply at private airports

Air Navigation Service Charges are not currently levied by The Bahamas.

Flights that don't take off or land in U.S. territory but fly in U.S. controlled airspace, will be charged overflight fees by U.S. authorities while transitioning U.S. airspace, including above Bahamian domestic airspace.

[http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/international\\_aviation/overflight\\_fees/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/international_aviation/overflight_fees/)

### **Fuel**

Fuel is not available at all airports of entry. You should confirm fuel availability in advance of the flight.

### **Night VFR**

Flying VFR between sunset and sunrise is not permitted in The Bahamas unless that aerodrome has been designated by the Director of Civil Aviation as being available for night operations. Requests for permission to operate at night should be made to the Deputy Director of Air Traffic Services or Chief Operations Officer in charge of operations during the hours 9AM to 5PM Mon - Fri and from Watch Supervisor on duty holiday, weekends and after 5PM weekdays.

The Director of Civil Aviation may grant prior written approval for specific VFR night flying operations.

Night VFR flights will be in accordance with Instrument Flight Rules. Requests should be made at least 8 hours in advanced prior to intended flight.

### **Intra Island Flying**

The Customs Department may permit *private* aircraft operators to submit an Inward Declaration and Cruising Permit for flying from island to island. A flight plan is not required

### **Island Hopping**

Each Island in the Caribbean may be its own sovereign nation. Please refer to specific country information prior to flying to other islands within the Caribbean.

### **Aeronautical Charts**

Some Bahamas' charts are available from the FAA's AeroNav Products, [http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/). Contact The Bahamas AIS for additional charts.

## **Country Specific Travel Information**

### **Public Health Requirements**

*Aircraft* – No public health measures are required to be carried out in respect of aircraft entering The Bahamas.

*Passengers* – Disembarking passengers are not required to present vaccination certificates. Temporary health formalities may be applied to meet unforeseen situations. and will be notified by NOTAM.

Please refer to the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization websites below for any current requirements.

CDC: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/the-bahamas.htm>

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/vaccinations.aspx>

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/en/>

### **Pets**

An officer of the Ministry of Agriculture may carry out the provisions of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act when arriving with pets.

### **Public Holidays**

The following public holidays are observed in The Bahamas:

New Year's Day	1 January
Good Friday	Friday before Easter
Easter Monday	Monday after Easter Sunday
Whit Monday	40 days after Easter Sunday
Labor Day	First Friday in June
Independence Day	10 July
Emancipation Day	First Monday in August
Discovery Day	12 October
Christmas Day	25 December
Boxing Day	26 December

### **Links**

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Nassau, Bahamas

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Toll Free: 1-800-Bahamas E-mail: [tourism@bahamas.com](mailto:tourism@bahamas.com)

### **Vacation Planning for Pilots**

#### **By Private Air**

<http://www.myoutislands.com/bahamas-flying/bahamas-flying-entry-departure.cfm>

#### **Bahamas Forms**

[http://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/](http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/).

<http://www.Bahamas.com>

## **Aeronautical Information Publication AIP**

The IFIM staff is not aware of a free-access Aeronautical Information Publication website for this country. The country Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) may be contacted for information.